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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION, DISSIDENTS

1. THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD, JULY 12, IN ITS THIRD EDITORIAL, UNDER THE HEADING "THOUGHTS FOR KALUGA" COMMENTED:

2. "WORRIED MINDS ARE SENDING THOUGHTS OUT TO MOSCOW AND TO KALUGA, WHERE TWO RUSSIAN DISSIDENTS ARE GOING ON TRIAL. BOTH MEN HAVE BEEN MONITORING RUSSIA'S OBSERVANCE OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. "ALREADY THE LEADER OF THE MOSCOW MONITORING GROUP, YURI ORLOV, HAS BEEN SENTENCED BUT HIS IMPRISONMENT HAS FAILED TO SILENCE PROTEST WITHIN RUSSIA; NOW INTERNATIONAL ANGER IS SOURING THE GOOD FEELINGS THAT WERE DEVELOPING DURING THE NEW ROUND OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS.

4. "IN PUBLIC, AMERICANS ARE SUGGESTING THAT THE TRIALS ARE A DELIBERATE REBUFF FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS.

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5. "BUT THE TRIALS ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT AIMED AT AMERICA. UNTIL RECENTLY THE POLITBURO ALLOWED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INTERNAL CRITICISM; IT DEMONSTRATED HOW RELAXED AND URBANE RUSSIA WAS BECOMING. BUT THE HELSINKI MONITORING GROUPS SPREAD AND MOSCOW FELT FORCED TO SHOW THE UGLY SIDE OF ITS FACE AGAIN." ANDERSON

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